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## Gone but not forgotten...



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Student studies in shadow of memorial for teacher slain last week. Grant High School teacher Hal Arthur was shot to death last Friday in the driveway of his Sherman Oaks home. The police have made no arrests. A former student of Arthur's was questioned by police but was not held and is no longer under

suspicion. Six rounds were fired from a semi-automatic weapon from across the street, but only three struck Arthur in the back. Grant will hold a memorial service today at 1 p.m. The week prior to his death, Arthur assigned his students a paper on drive-by shootings.

## Means appointed Pierce president by LACCD

By KATHI JOHNSON  
News Editor

Dan Means was named the new president of Pierce College last Wednesday in a meeting of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

Chancellor Donald Phelps recommended Means to the board, which voted unanimously to appoint him to the position.

This decision ended a six-month search that first selected 12, then finally four, finalists before the chancellor made his choice for recommendation.

The finalists were chosen by a selection committee composed of faculty, students, administrators and other members of the Pierce College community.

Means, currently the acting president of East Los Angeles College, was picked from four finalists, including Jerry Alston, of Chaffey Community College; Nancy Stet-

son, from Marin Community College; and James Walker, from the College of the Canyons.

Means' tenure in the district is diversified and, according to Phelps, includes contributions to the well-being of the district in his capacities as instructor, coach, counselor, assistant dean of students, coordinator of admissions and guidance, director of staff relations, vice chancellor of human resources at the district office and as acting president of ELAC.

Phelps stated in a letter dated last Thursday that he felt this background proved Means the perfect choice to take on the duties as president of Pierce.

Means left his job in the district office in January to take the position of acting president of ELAC, after Arthur Avila's retirement in December.

Means lives in Granada Hills, so when the Pierce vacancy presented the opportunity for him to work in the Valley, he applied.

He said he is looking forward to the new assignment. First, he intends to meet and talk with as many people on the campus as possible to find out where the problem areas are, then he can focus on areas requiring immediate attention based on that information.

Dr. Mary Lee, who applied for the position at Pierce and was one of the 12 finalists, said she has worked with Means in the past on the presidential cabinet. "He will do a fine job," she said.

The committee for selecting the new president for ELAC has also made their recommendations to the chancellor.

The three finalists for that position are being interviewed by the chancellor, who will make his final recommendation to the board in its next meeting on April 20.

According to District Spokesman, Norm Schneider, the trustees will vote, and the decision should be made the same day. The district will not release the names of the finalists, said Schneider.

## Valley acquires 38 Macs

By GALE RAETEENA MACON  
Staff Writer

The English/Math Computer Lab, located in Room 106 in the Math/Science Building, now houses 38 Macintosh computers in a lab that opened Tuesday. Only Valley College students taking computer-assisted instruction (CAI) classes are permitted to use the lab.

When Marvin Zuckerman, chairman of the English department, and Leon Marzillier, chairman of the mathematics department, had similar requests for computers, the administration decided to fund one lab for both departments. "A half a loaf is better than none," said Zuckerman.

The computers were purchased seven months ago and installed last month. Learning brand new programs and training the instructors had delayed the opening of the lab, said Jorge Mata, newly-hired microcomputer specialist for Valley.

The computer lab is the first lab on campus for non-vocational subjects.

Lack of money for personnel prevents the lab from being open to students outside of classtime. "We would like an assistant in the lab at all times," said Zuckerman.

Many departmental labs on campus have IBM computers; however, the English/Math Lab is one of the few labs with Macintosh computers installed. "At the time we were evaluating them, the consensus was that Macs would be more user-friendly," said Zuckerman. "It has icons and pictures."

More teachers in the math and English departments had been exposed to Macintosh than IBM computers. Teachers also preferred the programs available with a Macintosh, said Mata.

Although Mata conceded that 90 percent of all businesses use IBM computers, learning about computers is the essential factor in job eligibility, not familiarity with any

specific brand, he said.

The computers will be networked to enable the teacher to send information from his screen to the student's screens. Also, an overhead projector can be used by the instructor to project images that can be viewed by the entire class.

Word processing software will aid tutorial assistance in English and point out such things as passive verbs, spelling mistakes and homonyms, and will ask if word change is necessary.

Zuckerman's intent was to introduce a speedier way of editing. "Writing requires constant revision," said Zuckerman.

This lab is not intended for self-instruction. Most of the time, students will be working on in-class assignments.

However, home computers can be purchased at the bookstore. "When we purchased computers, part of the deal was that the vendor would sell this Macintosh computer through the bookstore at a large discount to the student," said Zuckerman.

## Aerospace firm donates \$5,000

By KIMBERLY MAGIDSON  
Staff Writer

A \$5,000 scholarship fund has been awarded to Valley by the Hydro-Aire division of the Crane Company, a local Burbank business, which draws part of its workforce from Valley's industrial arts students.

At a ceremony held last week at Valley, Jim Buehler, personnel

manager of Hydro-Aire, presented Dr. Mary Lee, president of Los Angeles Valley College, and Val Villa, dean of academic affairs, with a check written for \$5,000.

Currently, the funds have been deposited into the scholarship fund and await Villa's approval as to who will receive the Crane scholarships.

One of the stipulations of The Crane Fund for Widows and Children, the scholarship's benefactor, provides that the funds be allocated for those students who cannot afford college instruction.

The benefactor further requested that no funds go toward athletic events or Valley construction projects.

Unveiling his plans for the scholarship fund, Villa said he would set aside some of the funds for high school students who will attend Valley in the Fall of 1989. The funds will provide for tuition, parking fees and assigned books. In addition, scholarships may be awarded a second time to a student who maintains a minimum grade-point average.

## Seeking peace, Valley student turns to suicide

By JERRY SAWINSKI  
Sports Editor

Inner Peace: It comes easier for some than for others. To still others, it never comes at all. For Susan Turcillo, the search for peace was an agonizing daily litany of emptiness and frustration.

So, on the morning of March 6, Turcillo found peace the only way she felt she could—by taking her own life.

Turcillo, 21, was a Valley College student and a member of the Lady Monarchs softball team.

She was found dead of a single gunshot wound to the head. Her body was discovered by her family, who went to her apartment after she failed to show up for a Valley softball game.

She is described by family and friends, as a caring, affectionate, special girl, who would "steal your heart away."

Yet, for all the happiness she brought to others, Turcillo remained chronically depressed.

Turcillo was born with dyslexia, a neurologically based reading disability.

Those afflicted with the disease see letters reversed, making reading and often writing a frustrating endeavor.

Because of her disability, Turcillo developed low self-esteem. Her lack of self-confidence led to a chronic depressive state which culminated in her suicide.

Janet Robin, a high school friend, said Turcillo was very secretive and insecure about her affliction.

"She was afraid of being made fun of," said Robin, "a lot of kids called her stupid."

Lisa Turcillo Stewart said her sister has had to deal with the insults and taunts from other kids since the third grade, when she was held back because of her dyslexia.

The abuse left an indelible mark

on her. Before she died, Turcillo made a video-recording of herself at home.

"I just wish society could learn to accept me," said Turcillo in the video.

Turcillo was first detected as having dyslexia in the third grade. She attended the Learning Center in Encino from 1979 to 1985.

Dr. Gerald Deskin, director of the center said Turcillo's dyslexia was rather severe, but that she was doing well.

"Susan made significant progress," said Deskin. "She also had a perceptual problem which she overcame."

"I liked Susan," Deskin continued. "She was a very nice girl and

she was tough. She was determined to do something about her problem."

Turcillo attended Grant high school. She struggled academically but graduated in 1986.

Turcillo loved athletics and played in seven games for the Lady Monarchs this season, playing the outfield and second base.

Joanne Waddell, assistant coach of the Lady Monarchs, said Turcillo was a good player and a quick learner.

Dr. Robert Scott, assistant dean for disabled programs at Valley, said this is common among learning disabled students. "They'll focus on physical activities so they don't have to deal with failing academically," said Scott.

Since intelligence has traditionally been measured by reading and writing ability, those who have problems in these areas are cruelly stigmatized as being slow or dumb.

Dr. Scott said this is an unfair assessment. "Having a learning disability just means you learn differently and if they [students] don't know that, they'll feel something is wrong with them," he said.

Those close to Turcillo, say her

intelligence was on a different level.

Kathy "Kat" Crouch, a friend and teammate of Turcillo's, called her very bright and perceptive.

"She could relate to so many people...she connected with people," said Crouch.

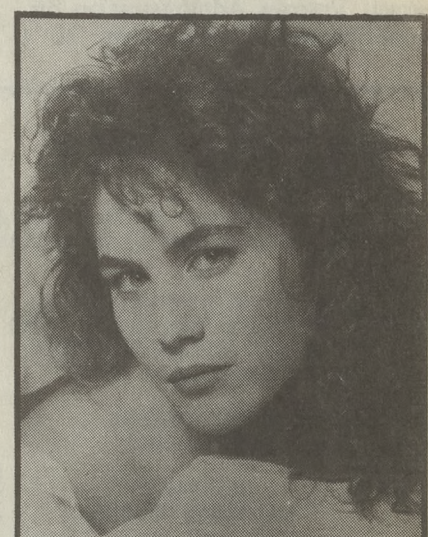
Turcillo's father, Dr. Joseph Turcillo Jr., said her intelligence was more verbal and mechanical.

Stewart agreed, "Her mind was very mechanical, she would take a bike apart just to see how it worked."

Crouch said when Turcillo was out with friends, she was often the life of the party, it was when she was alone that she would have problems. "There was so much going through her mind," said Crouch. "When there was no one around she just felt empty."

At the end of the video Turcillo pleaded, "Pay attention to people, don't make fun of people ever—don't ever do that!—that's the worst thing you can do,"

A memorial fund has been established by her family. The fund will benefit both Valley and Grant students who have learning disabilities and are active in sports.



Susan Turcillo



## Star Editorial

# Troubled ASU

The Associated Student Union's constitution states the purpose of the ASU is to identify and meet the needs of the students.

Why then, with a yearly ASU budget of \$70,000, are student's educational needs being neglected?

While student needs are varied and may be difficult to identify, it is likely that a quality education is important to most students. In these days of inadequate funding every dollar is desperately needed.

If the ASU wants to fulfill student needs, it could implement quality educational services for the student body.

More money should be provided for book loans and tutoring. Also, there should be well-planned extracurricular activities.

For example, guest speakers could be invited to speak on important social issues, field trips could be planned and financed for interested students, and educational films could be shown on any number of subjects ranging from travel to how to build a bomb shelter.

The ASU promises service and service should be demanded. Yet few of the aforementioned services are provided.

Money from the executive council budget was used to sponsor the ASU awards banquet in February, when \$894.64 was spent on plaques awarded to 38 people for outstanding service in the ASU, according to business office records. At last count there were only 33 executive council and senate members.

The banquet drew 64 people averaging a dining cost of approximately \$20 per person, totaling \$1281.71.

The total cost of the banquet, \$2176.35, is more than the amount allotted for student book loans in an entire semester.

The ASU offers 40 book loans of \$50 each to its members every semester. The loans are distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis. If the 33 members of executive council and senate all received loans, only six student members would benefit from this service.

Some 20 Valley students utilize the recreation room a day, but according to Alexi Steinhauer, a paid student worker, nearly 200 Grant students, who skip classes or run over in-between classes, seek refuge in the *Lion's Den*.

The ASU budget allocates \$10,000 a year to maintain the facility. Yet, visitor hospitality is lacking because there are no refreshments to offer the guests as, according to Steinhauer, the soda and food machines have been empty since the beginning of spring semester.

The ASU planned a homecoming dance in which only 50 students attended. The budget called for \$425. However, the event actually cost \$1411.87. The extra money came from the dance and entertainment section, which was allocated \$1150.00 in the budget.

While a minority of Valley students enjoyed this ASU services, the other 17,950 students get free amateur rock concerts on the lawn.

That's your 70,000 ASU dollars at work.

## Legacy of failure

# Fighting a voodoo drug war

By ROBERT P. CHRISTIAN  
Opinion Editor

Not the Tower appointment, not *The Satanic Verses*, not even earthquakes ... drugs have emerged as "our dominant domestic concern" today. That's what Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) said during confirmation hearings for America's first official drug czar.

Despite the last eight years of demagoguery, saber-rattling and *Just Say No* chanting — the essence of President Reagan's so-called war on drugs, led by then-Vice President George Bush — the drug problem just got worse.

Today, more Americans suffer or die as a result of drugs than ever before, yet not a single comprehensive plan to remedy this national assault graces the war table on which our drug-war generals plan their strategy.

In his inaugural address, President Bush promised to end the scourge of drugs. So Bush, the former, albeit unofficial, drug czar fail

ure, chose William J. Bennett as the first official director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy — Bennett presided over our second-worse domestic failure: our school system.

Bennett's solution for the education problem was to condemn it. On his new post, his only idea to date is to call in the military ... oh, and to ban AK-47s, temporarily. With Vietnam-veteran drug addicts overflowing rehab programs and the recent Veteran Administration disqualification of alcoholism as a

(treatable) disease, Bennett seems destined to continue past mistakes and the dreadful drug war legacy.

While drugs have an obvious special appeal, the vast sums of unaccountable cash they generate have a universal appeal. One hundred dollars for as little as a penny's worth of cocaine is one reason why.

People have been taking drugs of one kind or another since the dawn of recorded history. Regardless of attempts to stop them, people will continue to take drugs forever.

This long-standing indulgence is not the problem at hand. It's when

To counter these negative effects, people escape: they take vacations, they get new jobs, they move out of town and they relax in the privacy of their backyards with an ice-cold beer. Drugs are also an escape. And some people pay for their desperately needed vacations with their lives.

Prisons are rife with drugs, so even if the military imprisoned the entire country and made the U.S. a police state, drugs would still get in.

We must approach the drug problem comprehensively. We have to find out what people are escaping from, and how we can reform in-

demand for drugs increases, and drug lords can, and do, provide an unending supply. As long as drugs are illegal, their untold billions escape taxation, their commodities go unregulated and their liability to the consumer remains nonexistent.

If human lives are what we really want to save, we should end the violent prohibition on drugs as we did with alcohol, and remove the criminal element that makes the great city of Washington D.C. the murder capital of the world.

Properly licensed, drugs could provide the extra revenue needed for

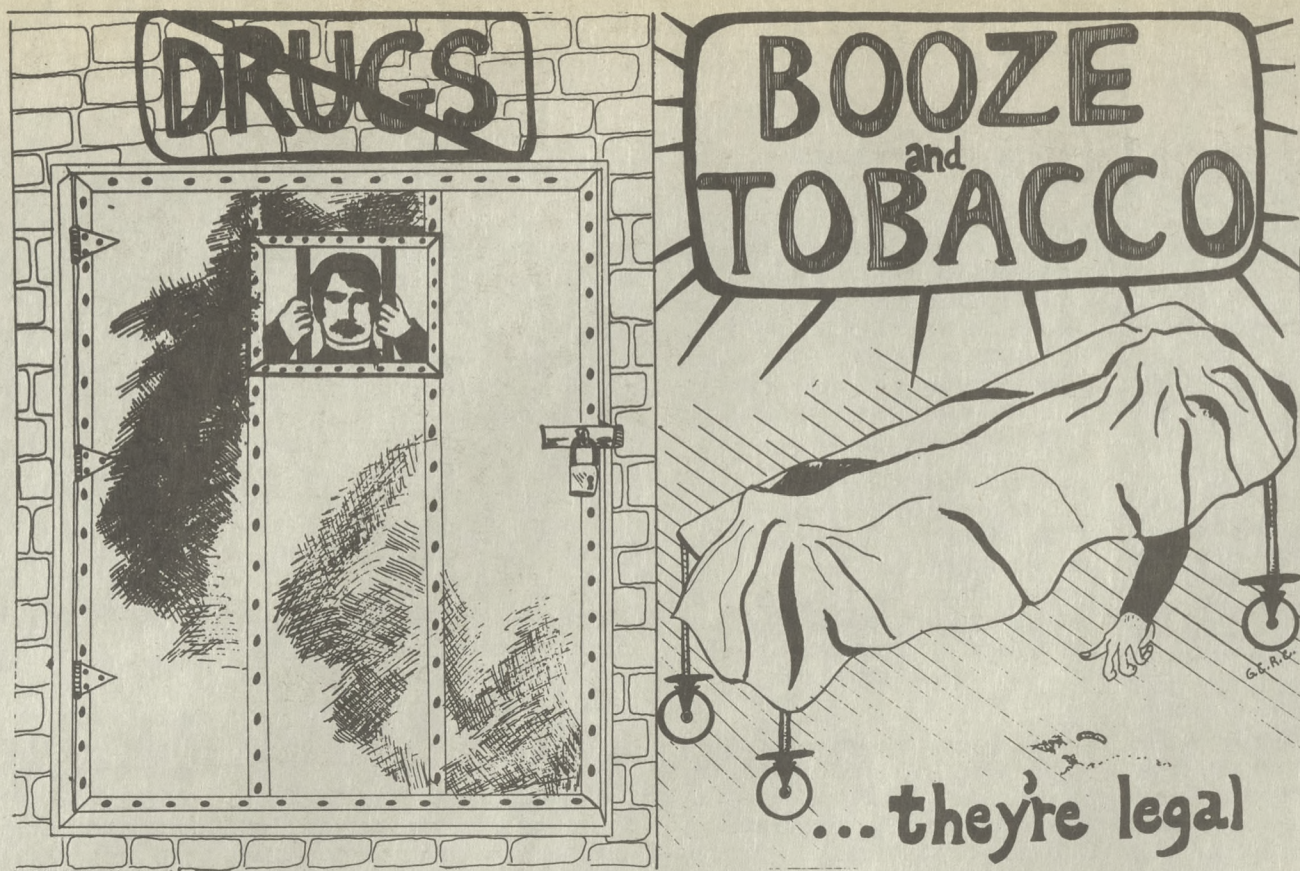
education, health care, toxic clean-ups and many other things that could improve our lagging quality of life. Setting strict standards on drugs — like those on alcohol and pharmaceutical drugs — would produce a safer, more controllable and informative drug usage.

Only by bringing the drug market out in the open do we stand a chance of stopping the crime and death it generates. But, if we want to end drug abuse, we have to end the despair that causes it.

We have to give the same or greater concern to humanity that we currently give to wealth and military superiority. Such a change in priorities would undoubtedly decrease all of society's woes.

On the other hand, if the prevailing goal is to exterminate the malcontents and cultivate a populace of evangelical (or other states of mindlessness) automatons, then we are right on course.

"Don't worry, be happy." That's what George says.



large numbers of people abuse drugs on a regular basis that we see today's nightmare. It is time to stop trying to force people to quit taking drugs and, instead, ask why so many people are abusing them and themselves.

That intolerable situations which lack a viable exit cause frustration and desperation in people is no secret. Stress, burnout, alcoholism, adultery, nervous breakdowns, crime, suicide and drug abuse are from today's rat race.

tolerable conditions. We must shake off our simplistic, Neanderthal tendencies and realize that our drug problem is a societal problem, not a mere penal problem.

While the most dangerous drugs — alcohol and tobacco, which cause a combined total of 600,000 deaths a year — enjoy big-business legality, we hypocritically condemn less dangerous drugs.

Nobody supports this aberration more than the drug lords. With every sensationalized drug bust the

## Abortion: A woman's right

By MITZI SZERETO  
Staff Writer

In the event President Bush and his band of merry men, not to mention certain pseudo-fundamentalist groups, have their way, women of America will once again be resorting to using wire dress hangers, only this time they won't be using them to hang their clothes.

If the law for abortion-on-demand is reversed, will back-alley abortions be an example of President Bush's "kind" and more gentler nation?" (Don't forget, he's also a member of the National Rifle Association, and we know how much they appreciate life.)

How long will it be before women no longer have to tolerate this kind of discrimination? This is not simply a matter of determining what constitutes life, but a matter of personal freedom of choice.

What has happened to the rights of women? Are we to lose one of the most important rights of our lives — the right to determine the usage of our own bodies?

No doubt some insecure individuals wouldn't mind keeping us

barefoot and pregnant. Perhaps it is threatening for them to allow women complete and total control over our own lives. No doubt these people didn't want the Equal Rights Amendment either. It would appear that our system of democracy is on the decline.

Are all these so-called pro-lifers really so popular, or is it that they just make a lot of noise? It should be noted that this movement includes terrorists who bomb medical clinics.

Why all this violence from people who so fervently proclaim their wish to perpetuate life? These individuals want to rule our lives, make decisions for us and invade our privacy, not to mention control us. We've had people like this throughout history; a quite infamous one being Adolf Hitler.

It would make more sense if these pro-lifers were more concerned about those already living here on Earth.

How exalting it would be if they would utilize their rabid rhetoric towards helping the hungry, the hungry, the illiterate and the underprivileged children of our country,

or even those of other countries. They are here now!

It would be interesting to see how many of these people contributed money to *Live Aid* to feed the starving masses of Ethiopia, or how many volunteer their time to help abused children, or even adopt or become foster parents of the unwanted.

Does this group really value "life," or do they simply just see a woman's sole role and worth on this planet as occupational baby-maker?

Judging by recent news, the pro-lifers feel that even a comatose woman has no personal rights other than that of giving birth. These people are so far removed from true humanitarianism that they cannot even consider a woman's own life as having dignity and merit.

Whether it is a matter of life or death, an unhealthy fetus or an unwanted pregnancy, women should be able to decide for themselves what is right.

No one should be allowed to make a decision of such enormity for us. Let's keep the government and the church out of our respective uteri!

## Letters to the Star

### Outright Beef

Editor,

I must get right to the point: The present appearance of your campus is an outright disgrace!

What could very easily be one of the prettiest areas in the Southland, week, month and year after year, has become one of the trashiest, and a constant eyesore.

I'd like to believe that surely somehow, all of the debris could be picked up daily and that there are crews assigned for such matters. I can't imagine that anyone walking through the campus cannot help but see all of the clutter everywhere, especially the head groundskeeper.

I've been observing a certain individual for the past three to four months who operates the sweeper on campus. This sophisticated piece of equipment appears to be capable of doing a good job of picking up [trash] — that is, provided said sweeper operator would only lower the bushes onto the surface once in a while and even, perhaps, try aiming directly at some of the obvious trash in his path so that the vacuum hose could at least be of some use.

The problem, I've discovered, is not the inadequacy of the equipment with its very impressive amber light twirling through the morning shadows, but the inadequacy of the sweeper operator who has something else in mind; unfortunately, it is not to do the job he has been hired to do.

Dear friend, this person on the payroll is using up much gasoline and wear and tear on a damn good community college investment, not to mention the taxpayers' money to hunt down and collect aluminum cans left thrown all over by students and others every day! This is his sole purpose, and how tragic!

Suggestion: Why don't you save yourselves and us taxpayers some money by either employing someone who will use the equipment for the purpose it was acquired, or park it and hire a couple of good men on foot with a bag and a stick with a point at the end to clean up instead; I would almost guarantee that the campus would start looking great in a matter of a very short time.

Mr. Acosta

A concerned San Fernando Valley taxpayer

### Honors Rebuttal

Editor,

I would like to respond to the article and editorial of March 16 about the professed elitism perpetuated by the Honors Program.

As I understand it, honors classes offered at LAVC are open to any student who wishes to register for them. Participation in the Honors Program is based on criteria measuring achievement and ability, as is participation on the football team or singing in the choir. Class size is limited only by the number of applicants. I know of a professor teaching honors classes who actually desires and encourages larger classes to ensure a diverse exchange of ideas.

The accusation that the Honors Program gives preferential treatment by giving an edge to students desiring to transfer to UCLA is sophomoric. Not all Honors Program participants transfer to UCLA. More importantly, students at LAVC are here to gain an edge in the pursuit of their diverse educational and career goals.

Providing educational opportunities to meet the diverse needs of the community is a unique challenge for our college, one that it meets with a wide variety of programs. I applaud LAVC's efforts to meet the varied and unique needs of its students.

Equal opportunity does not mean treating everyone the same. As the great elitist Karl Marx so eloquently said, "From each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs."

Faithfully,

Paul Ross  
Honors Student

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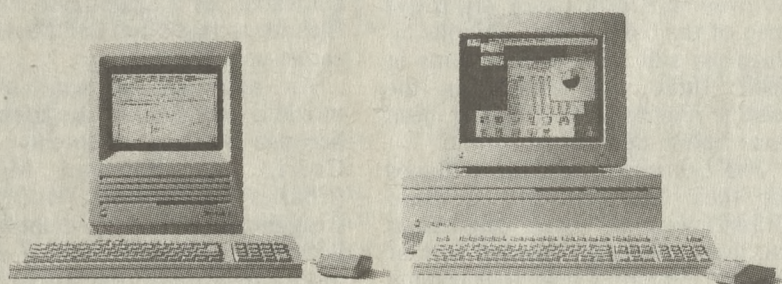
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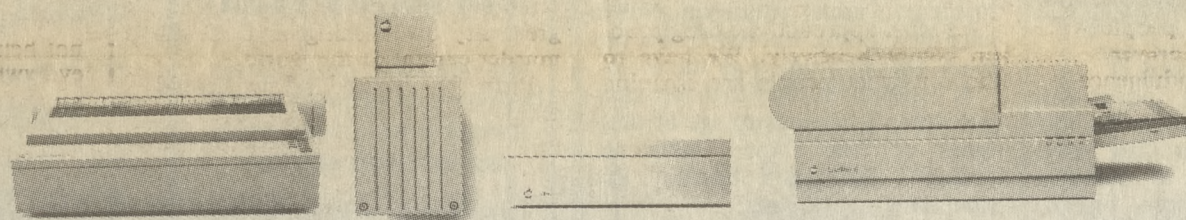
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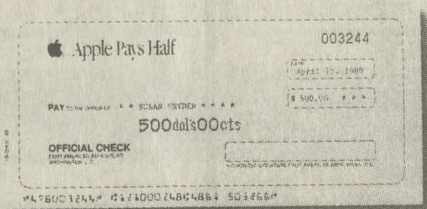
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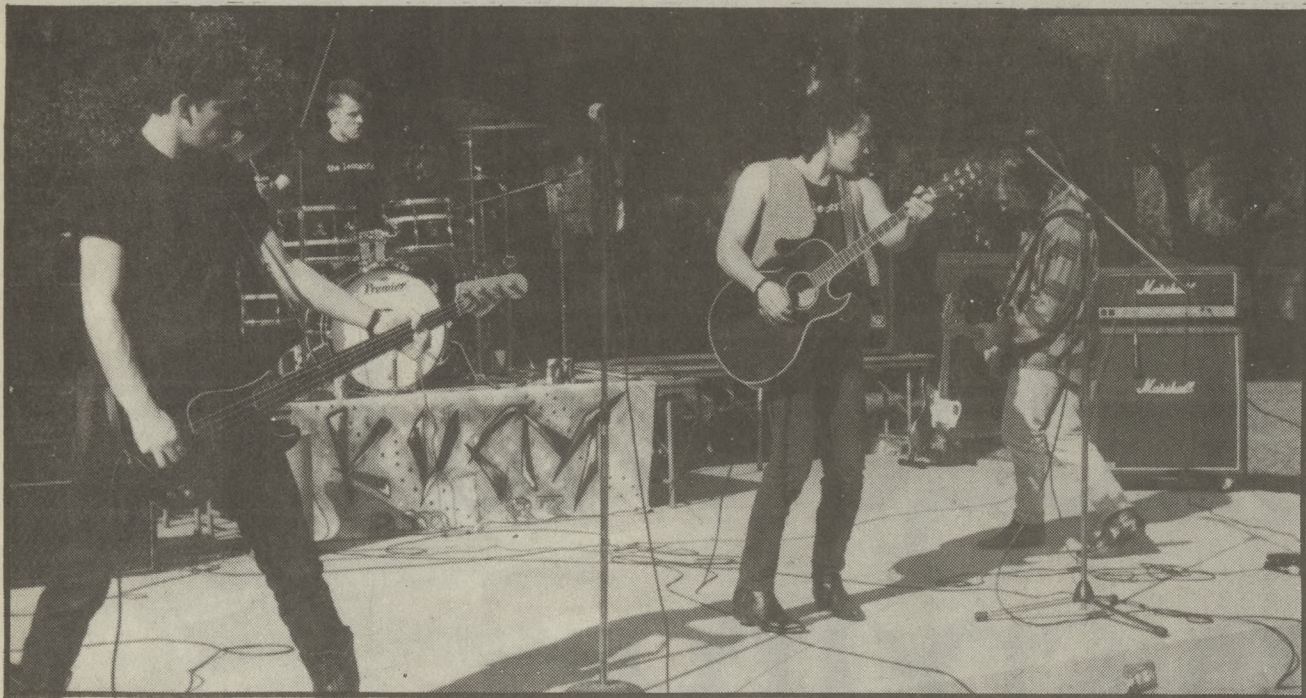
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Rockin' the Square on St. Patrick's Day: Leonards Tom Payne, Nick Zeigler, Leonard Grassa and John Pozza.

## Low turnout hurts show

By DEAN HOTTA  
Entertainment Editor

Green is the official color of St. Patrick's Day, and it was an apt description of the three bands that played Monarch Square the afternoon of March 17.

The Leonards, Great Caesar's Ghost and No Talking played as part of a tribute concert to Rockin' Randy Atkins, a KVCN disc jockey who died in a motor vehicle accident March 5.

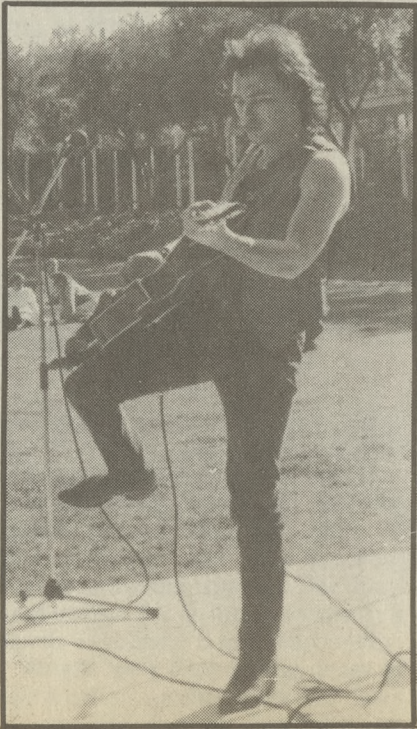
The bands performed to a gathering which could diplomatically be called sparse. Much of the fault lay in the relatively isolated location of the bandstand on the north end of the campus.

The low turnout was definitely a hinderance to the bands' playing. It's hard to be enthusiastic when the audience resembles Seurat's *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*, reaction-wise.

A group's attitudes and performance depend much upon the crowd's response, and the truth of the matter was there wasn't much to react to. Nevertheless, the bands performed with an enthusiasm diametric to the response.

No Talking opened the show sounding like they had just come out of the garage after rehearsals. They didn't really hit their stride until the middle of their set, which in-

cluded covers of the Replacements' *I Will Dare* and Joe Jackson's *Got the Time*, two power-pop classics. Though unpolished, No Talking's



Leonard Grassa kicks out the jams.

grungy style is perfect fodder for those who thrive on groups like the Replacements. Whether they have the songwriting skills to make a career remains to be seen, but at

least they have good taste in their choice of covers.

Great Caesar's Ghost followed, and the only thing missing from their act were strobe lights, hair bouquets and some go-go dancers. The band looked like they had just stepped out of *Riot on Sunset Strip*.

Their 60s hippie look was just a little too retro to even be contemporarily hip; besides, bands like the Strawberry Alarm Clock and Love (two of the band's most obvious influences) still have their albums in print; there was nothing in the band's repertoire that hasn't been done before and better.

The Leonards (presumably named for their lead guitarist, Leonard Grassa) were the most original of the three, playing a likable sort of Georgia Satellites-type journeyman rock.

Lead singer/rhythm guitarist John Pozza has the gravelly sort of voice associated with singers like the Del Fuegos' Dan Zanes or George Thorogood. It's the sort of voice that seems to be perfectly suited for that style of music.

All in all it wasn't the worst way to spend a sunny afternoon. Not to harp on a point, but the crowd was more disappointing than the event.

It really is too bad that this campus doesn't take advantage of these types of free shows; after all, today's garage bands are tomorrow's rock stars.

## Movie review

### Slaves of N.Y. bores

By J. LAWSON BREWER  
Assoc. Entertainment Editor

How do I hate thee, let me count the ways. Politely, that just about sums it up for *Slaves of New York*, a movie-goer's nightmare.

*Slaves of New York* is based on the short stories of Tama Janowitz, who also wrote the screenplay. Although the basic plot is decent and the movie is interesting at times, director James Ivory's attempt of portraying the lives of five Big Apple artists leaves the viewer twiddling his thumbs in anticipation of the end.

The plot revolves around the life of Eleanor (Bernadette Peters), part-time copy editor, hat designer and girlfriend of Stash Stotz (Adam Coleman Howard), a self-centered graffiti artist.

Stash's love affair with Darcia (Madeline Potter), a femme fatale who will seduce anyone to further her career as a sculptress, compels Eleanor to leave him and pursue her career as a hat designer.

An additional segment of the movie is dedicated to the friendship between Marley Montello (Nick Corri) and Sherman McVitti (Charles McCaughan), two young struggling artists. Their relationship is boring and adds nothing except more confusion to the story.

Shallow dialogue combined with the movie's haphazard wandering

from scene to scene created an atmosphere of bewilderment, as well as preventing the characters' full development. In short, *Slaves of New York* lacked direction.

Another of the movie's faults is its obsession with cheap laughs. A camera crew composed exclusively of Japanese people and chairs breaking underneath characters brought only a moderate grin or snicker. But most of all, these cheap laughs are a constant reminder of

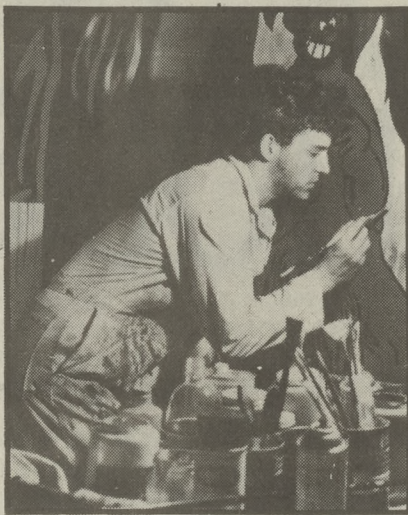
the movie's weak script.

Even the costume design is excessive, bordering on dreadful. Are the characters who wear this garbage idiots or just eccentric?

With an experienced and talented director at the helm, it is hard to understand why this movie is so terribly bad. In past years Ivory has made *The Bostonians*, *The Europeans*, and *A Room With a View*. The latter was nominated for eight Oscars, including best picture and director.

Unlike *A Room With a View*, *Slaves of New York* will never be nominated for any of the above categories. But much of the (dis)credit for this awful movie goes to the embarrassingly poor performances of the actors; they were minor-league at best.

Despite using every trick in the director's handbook, *Slaves of New York* fails as a comedy, a satire and a drama. Don't be a slave to the theater: avoid the movie.



Stash Stotz (Adam Coleman Howard) works on a project in *Slaves of New York*.

## THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE

### ON-CAMPUS

#### Guitar quartet

The California State University, Northridge guitar quartet will perform a free concert in the Music Recital Hall today at 11 a.m.

#### Slide lecture

*Exploring the California Coastline*, a slide lecture presented by Richard M. Raskoff, will be presented on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 109 of the Math-Science Building.

It is the third in the Earth Science department's lecture series on geographical features of the world. Admission is free.

#### CSUS Concert Choir

The California State University, Sacramento Concert Choir, with conductor Donald Kenderich, will perform in the Music Recital Hall next Thursday at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

For more information call the Music Department at ext. 346.

### OFF-CAMPUS

Concert picks of the week: *Graham Parker* at the Palace next Monday; *Fairground Attraction* at the Whisky next Thursday.

Movie picks: *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen*; *New York Stories*; *Sing*.

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# Monarch track teams tested

By EDWARD YOON  
Assoc. Sports Editor

During Easter vacation, Southern California students customarily spend their time whooping it up drinking beer and watching girls in bikinis (or hairy-chested guys).

However, Valley sprinter Nikywa Prevost and the Monarch relay team spent their vacation celebrating first-place victories in the Easter Relays at Santa Barbara Saturday.

This week doesn't get any easier for the track team as they prepare for the Fresno Relays tomorrow, where they will compete against the top community college track teams in California.

The success of the track team is a result of hard work and dedication, according to Monarch Track Coach James Harvey.

"They trained harder (than past track teams) and it's paying off," said Harvey. "Nobody expected us to be this good because this was supposed to be a rebuilding year for us. Everyone is running way above their heads."

Prevost, arguably the best woman sprinter in Valley College history, is a reflection of the unexpected success of the Monarch track team, according to Harvey.

"Nikywa is a joy to work with," said Harvey. "She's an excellent worker and an excellent student. She's a great kid."

In the Easter Relays, Prevost proved to her competitors why she is one of the top community college sprinters in the state by taking first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of

sixth in the long jump with a jump of 22 feet.

In the distance medley, the team of Juvenal Vasques, Roland Gandy, Mike Michalec and Dror Ben-Ami placed fifth with a time of 8:20.

The sprint medley team of Gandy, Michalec, Aaron Campbell and Greg Fisher and the 4 x 800 team of Vasques, Michalec, Ben-Ami and Tony Hayes both finished fifth.

The Monarch track team also made an impressive showing at the Wendy's Invitational at Pomona, an open meet against Division I schools as well as the community colleges, on March 23.

"This event was a real good test for us," said Harvey. "We are ahead of last year's pace but we still try to take it one week at a time."

Prevost placed fourth in the 100 against the best women sprinters in the state with a time of 12.2 seconds. She also placed fourth in the 200 with a time of 24.5 seconds.

The relay team made an impressive showing with a third-place finish in the 4 x 100 with a time of 41.7 seconds.

In the 100, Sals and Rawlings finished fifth and sixth respectively with times of 10.79 and 10.8.

Hemmons' long-jump of 21-11 inches was good enough for seventh place. Valley's Francis Howard finished 12th with a jump of 20-5.

Campbell placed first in his heat in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 54.7 seconds. Meanwhile, Ben-Ami finished second in the Junior College Division of the 5,000 meter-run.

Despite the lack of first-place finishes, Harvey was very pleased

*"Everyone ran great! This meet showed that they're not afraid to run against athletes from four-year schools."*

—Track coach James Harvey

12.3 seconds.

"She's in the top four in the state according to her times," added Harvey. "She's one of the best, if not the best (woman sprinter) Valley has ever had. She's easily in the top two."

The Monarch relay team of Chris Rawlings, David Sals, Lionel Hemmons and Devin Beasley took first place in the 4 x 100-meter relay with a time of 41.8 seconds. They also took second in the 4 x 200 with a time of 1:27.7. Hemmons also placed

with the overall performance of the team.

"Everyone ran great!" said Harvey. "This meet showed that they're not afraid to run against athletes from four-year schools. If they don't finish high, they just evaluate themselves and make adjustments for the next meet."

"It's not necessarily the coaching. We have some good athletes this year who are not afraid of competition," added Harvey. "I'm very lucky this year."



Hancock player goes airborne, in Bulldogs 5-0 win over Valley.

KAREN WATERS / Valley Star

## Women's Softball

# Hancock shuts out Lady Monarchs

By DAVE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

The Bulldogs of Alan Hancock College held Valley to only four hits, while shutting them out 5-0 in a non-conference game.

"We were horrible today," said Valley Coach Karen Honey. "We beat ourselves."

"We need to improve on fundamentals, especially in the area

of timely hitting," added Honey. "The other team seemed to get the right hits at the right time."

Valley received their offense from Paula Crankovich, Lettie Carranza, Vanessa Gregory and Tonya Staab. They had one hit apiece.

The Bulldogs were led by pitcher Cynthia Brown who went two for four with four RBI's.

The Lady Monarchs next home game is April 5 at 3:30 against Moorpark.

# Tied for first

By ERIC BARAD  
Staff Writer

The Monarchs hopped over Mission College 11-7 Tuesday and then accomplished another comeback victory Thursday, beating Chaffey, 7-6.

The victories improved the Monarchs' overall record to 20-3-1. They are tied with Oxnard, Ventura and College of the Canyons for first place with a 5-2 record in the Western States Conference.

In the game against Chaffey, the Monarchs took a 4-3 lead behind the strength of Joey Kane's seven strong innings.

Coach Chris Johnson brought in ace starter Tim DeGrasse to pick up the save.

However, Chaffey scored four runs, one earned, off DeGrasse to take a 6-4 lead heading into the bottom of the ninth inning.

With no outs, the Monarchs loaded the bases on walks. Designated hitter Matt Arnold hit into a force out at second, scoring shortstop Ray Sabado.

First baseman Greg Struhl followed with a single to right field scoring

rightfielder Greg Demyon to tie the score. E.J. Pape, the Monarchs' leading home run-hitter with eight, struck out bringing up centerfielder Mike Caputi.

Caputi, who had a game winning hit earlier in the season in a 10-9 victory over El Camino, worked the count to two balls and two strikes.

On the next offering, Caputi drilled a line drive over the drawn in rightfielder's head scoring Arnold for the winning run.

"I was trying to make him throw a good pitch and hit the ball hard in play," said Caputi, regarding his second game winning hit.

Against Mission, the Monarchs built a 10-1 lead by the fourth inning and never looked back.

The Monarchs batted around in the second inning, getting six runs, 5 hits and the help of two errors by rightfielder Mike Villaseñor.

Dean Money sailed to his fourth victory pitching an impressive six innings, allowing three runs while striking out seven.

The Free Spirit scored six runs off relievers Mike Roberts and Hector Sandoval, however they didn't have the "Monarch Magic," falling 11-7.

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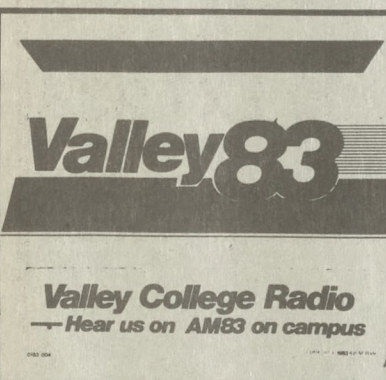
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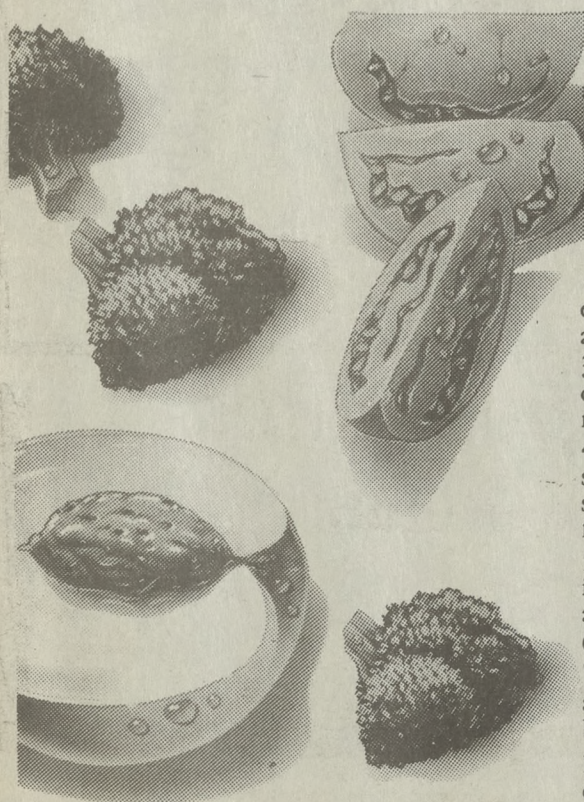
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# STUDY ABROAD

an international education column

**Q.** Why should I study abroad?

**A.** There are at least three good reasons to make study abroad a part of your college education. You can learn a foreign language at the source, gain a global perspective about how other people work and live and enhance your career opportunities.

**Q.** How will studying abroad help my future career plans?

**A.** Most counselors and career placement personnel agree that a study abroad experience helps you "sell" yourself to a future employer. Study abroad demonstrates maturity, interpersonal skills, international awareness, independence and other

qualities strongly valued by potential employers.

**Q.** Will I be able to transfer my credit earned overseas to a U.S. college?

**A.** In many cases, yes. But to be sure, check with your study abroad advisor before enrolling in any program.

**Q.** What kind of study abroad programs are available?

**A.** Literally there are thousands of study abroad programs in hundreds of academic disciplines offered by colleges, universities and private organizations. Programs range from two-week study tours to full year academic programs. The

most complete listing of programs is contained in "Vacation Study Abroad" and "Semester and Academic Year" books published by the Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

**Q.** What resources are available to help me decide what, where and when to study abroad?

**A.** Your very best resource may be right on your own campus! On many campuses there are study abroad (or international) offices which have been created to advise students planning to study abroad. Your study abroad advisor will have all the latest catalogs, provide in-

formation or reading materials, travel details and help you find the program which meets your needs.

Another good source is a newspaper called "Transitions" (18 Hulst Road, Amherst, MA 01002) written by students and other travelers who have participated in various programs.

The National Association For Foreign Student Affairs, 1860 19th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 has a variety of pamphlets and bibliographies of interest to students planning to study abroad.

**Q.** Besides programs in Europe, what other countries host study abroad students?

**A.** The USSR, Australia and China all

welcome students at many of their institutions. For example, the American Institute For Foreign Study (102 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830) sponsors study abroad programs at universities in Leningrad, Sydney and Beijing for American students. A unique program for non-Russian speakers is offered at the Leningrad Polytechnic Institute including intensive language instruction (beginning through advanced) and cultural studies.

For additional information on study abroad programs, call the LACCD at: [213] 891-2000 and ask for the studies abroad office





## Our grandparents...our parents...ourselves



This lone Hollywood resident struggles home with his groceries.



A convalescent home resident eats lunch in the hallway.



A patient receives attention at Valley Manor Convalescent Home.



A face that reveals the ravages of time.

Photos by  
Walter Hernandez

People are living longer. Yet the longer they live, the more invisible they seem to become. The more "in the way" they are.

Abuse of the elderly is increasing and loneliness, for many, is a way of life. Factor in the breakdown of the extended family as well as the nuclear one and isolation is the result. Day to day existence becomes the name of the game.

After a lifetime of work, some survive at a poverty level. Inflation has taken away their dollar power and the Social Security system, set up long ago as THE answer, is no longer viable. Quite often illness and malnutrition are everyday concerns.

To most of us, that eventual tomorrow seems a long way off—our own fast-paced reality keeps us from thinking about it too much.

Maybe if we slowed down long enough to notice the elderly, we might see our own future reflected in their faces.

Perhaps this is why we don't take the time to look.

Text by  
—Blanca L. Adajian



A senior citizen labors to cross a busy Hollywood intersection.



After scavenging along the boulevard, a homeless elderly man takes a break.